As regards trials with the aid of assessors, the Council was equally divided and the President gave his casting vote for retaining the provision.

The Council having affirmed the principle of the Bill as above noted, Mr. Rajaram Row moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Govinda Pillai, Kesava Pillai, Rama Iyer, Raman Tampi and the Mover to report within 3 months.

Seconded by Mr. Nagam Aiya.

The motion was put and agreed to.

STEAM BOILERS AND PRIME-MOVERS BILL.

Mr. Mahadeva Iyer.—The next item on the agenda stands in my name. It is the introduction of the Steam-boilers and Prime-movers Bill. The Bill has just been published in the Gazette and copies circulated among the members. But as fifteen days have not elapsed since the date of publication, I beg to move that Rule 33 of the rules for the conduct of business in the Council be suspended to enable me to introduce the Bill.

The Council having suspended the rule, Mr. Mahadeva Iyer introduced the Bill and in doing so spoke as follows:

In pursuance of the permission granted to me at the last meeting of the Council I beg now to introduce the Bill. As mentioned in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, the Bill is a close adaptation of Madras Act III of 1893 and contains only a few provisions. The two important provisions are: (1) the examination of boilers and the issue of licenses for their use and (2) the issue of certificates of competency to persons entrusted with the management of the boilers. These provisions are self-explanatory and obviously necessary for public safety.

I beg to move that the Bill be read in Council and the discussion of the principle deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Nagam Aiya.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.—At the last meeting of the Council I obtained permission to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Municipalities. The Bill has been prepared and sent to the Secretary, just in time for the meeting and could not therefore be printed and circulated or published in the Gazette. To save delay, however, I beg to move that Rule 33 of the rules for the conduct of business in the Council, be suspended.

The Council having suspended the rule, Mr. Kesava Pillai introduced the Bill and moved that it be read in Council, the discussion of the principle being deferred till the next meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Rajaram Row.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 6-45 P. M.

V. P. MADHAVA RAO,
President.

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